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ALL OF THESE SOCIETIES have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

THE UNION was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

THE UNITARIAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

THE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY is practically the working committee of the Unitarian churches to promote the cause of temperance in every way possible. It publishes and freely distributes addresses, pamphlets, leaflets and tracts, and furnishes temperance news and facts to the public press. It arranges for conferences on the subject of temperance and sends speakers to general meetings where this subject may properly have a share in the interest and attention.

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. A. C. McGiffert has accepted a call to All Souls Church, Lowell, Mass., and Mr. W. W. Wolfe a call to Bolton, Mass. Mr. McGiffert is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, and Mr. Wolfe is a graduate of the Meadville Theological School.

Rev. C. J. Dutton has resigned at Troy, N.Y., to accept a call to Erie, Pa.

Rev. R. A. Singsen has resigned at Rockland, Mass., to accept a call to West Somerville, Mass.

Rev. M. F. Ham of Reading, Mass., will have charge of the services in the church at Stoneham, Mass., during the winter, and Prof. W. H. Alexander of Edmonton, Alberta, will conduct services at Calgary, Alberta, once a month.

Rev. A. R. Hussey will have charge of the work at Houston, Tex., during the month of January, under the auspices of the Laymen's League.

Rev. L. G. Wilson has taken charge, for the winter, of the church at Westboro, Mass.; Rev. M. E. Muder will add to the charge of the church in Westwood, Mass., an afternoon service at the church in Walpole, Mass.; and Rev. L. R. Daniels of Windsor, Vt., will add to his home duties the charge of the church at Charlestown, N.H.

Rev. R. C. Carlin has accepted a call to Alton, Ill.

Rev. H. C. C. Carter was installed at Urbana, Ill., on December 5; and Rev. F. A. Weil at Quincy, Mass., on December 14.

The Japanese Mission

A year ago, Dr. Clay MacCauley, the honored representative of the Association for nearly thirty years in Japan, asked to be relieved, and in September, 1919, Rev. John B. W. Day was commissioned by the Directors of the Association to go to Japan, confer with Dr. MacCauley, look into the needs of the situation, and report to the Board. These functions he has discharged with discretion and efficiency. Dr. MacCauley returned to the United States in the summer and Mr. Day reached Boston last month and read his report and recommendations at the meeting of the Board of Directors on December 14. He has now been invited to return to Japan for the term of five years, and a liberal appropriation has been made by the Board for the expenses and enlargement of his work.

Whether he accepts this invitation or not, Mr. Day will be glad to accept opportunities of speaking and preaching and in all ways interesting people in the opportunities of service in Japan. He can be addressed at 25 Beacon Street, Boston.

A Central Council

At the meeting of the Directors of the Association, held on December 14, arrangements were made for the organization of a Central Council to consist of the officers of our leading denominational organizations. The purpose of the Council is:

To provide a point of contact between our various denominational societies and agencies, through their recognized representatives, in order to facilitate understanding and sympathy between them.

To study the program of co-operative tasks, recommending measures and methods by which such tasks can be effectively done, and suggesting to each society the work that properly falls within its sphere;

To serve as a clearing-house of information about the things that are being done by its constituent bodies;

To be an organ of publicity through which that which is of interest to all may be conveyed to each and to the public;

To function in other forms of co-operative work for which there may be now no adequate provision;

The Council to determine its final functions and membership and to meet quarterly or at dates to be later fixed by the Council itself.

The President of the Association has invited the members of the Council to meet at 25 Beacon Street on December 28.

Department of New Americans

The Secretary of the Department had an unusually profitable journey this fall among the Finnish and Scandinavian churches of Minnesota and Manitoba. His first stop was at Virginia, Minn., where Mr. and Mrs. Lappala have rendered such sterling service. When the church and parsonage were built, adequate heating facilities unfortunately were not provided. Several years ago a basement was excavated under the church, which gave ample space for heating apparatus and the kitchen which nowadays is found in every up-to-date church building or parish house. This last summer the parsonage was given a cellar, and a good heating plant was installed. It was high time that this improvement should be made, for the winters in Northern Minnesota are terribly severe. The church is thriving, and the financial burden is easier than it has ever been before. The parish raised its quota for the "drive," and more than ever it feels now that it is a part of an important religious communion.

The new mission church at Angora is becoming more and more firmly rooted in the affections of the people. The congregation is wholly made up of Finnish farmers and their families. Many of them do not understand English, and after the Secretary had made his address, Mr. and Mrs. Lappala translated the substance of it. The church is at a crossroads thirty miles north of Virginia. There is no other meeting-place in the vicinity, and the church serves both for purposes of worship and as a social center for the people. The prospect is hopeful for the development of a healthy church life.

From Virginia, the Secretary went to Winnipeg, where he met our Icelandic friends. The First Church had been passing through a very interesting period. As was said in WORD AND WORK a year ago, the Tabernacle congregation, an independent Lutheran church, voted by an overwhelming majority to unite with the Unitarians, and with the understanding that the Lutheran Church building should become the house of worship for the united congregations. A very small Lutheran minority protested and took the matter into the courts. As almost invariably happens in such cases, the effort to divert the property from its original purpose failed. A moral victory, however, has been won by the liberal cause in that a majority of the Lutheran congregation has joined the Unitarian church. Just what the outcome will be it is too early yet to

prophesy, but it seems not unlikely that a new church will have to be erected to meet the needs of the enlarged congregation. The Secretary preached on Sunday evening to a packed church. This church has always been distinguished for the high qualities of its choir, and this year the music was unusually fine. The season was late, and no effort was made to visit the northern settlements, but Rev. Mr. Kristjansson came to Winnipeg, and the Secretary had the opportunity for a long conversation with our farthest-north representative. Naturally, growth in the little churches at Mary Hill and Shoal Lake is slow, for the population is scattered. Mr. Kristjansson, however, reports the development of liberal inquiry all through the north country. Three or four times a year he holds services in remote schoolhouses, and had he the time and strength, could establish many more centers of liberal influence. The crying demand is for more ministers to send into the field. Last summer it was not feasible to do anything, but this coming spring a determined effort must be made to secure two or three new men from Iceland, where there is a strong liberal sentiment and from which ministers can be obtained who will be acceptable to our congregations.

From Winnipeg, the Secretary went to Underwood and Hanska, Minn. The Norwegian church in Underwood has had a history of thirty years. Much of the time it has been without regular services, but for the past year Rev. O. E. Helsing has been on the ground and has done a great deal to revive dormant activities. On a frosty week-day evening the Secretary met a group of sixty-five or seventy people and was glad to renew acquaintances which he had made half a dozen years before. The church building has been greatly improved since his last visit. It has been cleaned up and painted outside and in and provided with a good furnace, all of which speaks well for the interest and enthusiasm of the congregation. At Hanska, the Secretary spent a Sunday with his old friends Dr. and Mrs. Norman. It is always a delight to visit this church, for it develops steadily under the wise and able leadership of its devoted minister and his wife. Unfortunately there was a heavy rain the Sunday that he was there, which detracted somewhat from the size of the congregation. No one who has not seen the sloughs which Minnesota roads become under a driving storm can realize the difficulties of travel under the circumstances. The surprising thing is that there was any congregation at all. At the close of the service the Secretary met the Campaign Committee, and it is his pleasure to record that the church raised its quota without difficulty. During the year, an orchestra of fifteen young people has been organized and is regularly leading the church music. Great credit is due to Mr. Adolph Larson who has trained it. It serves the double purpose of interesting the young people and of raising the quality of the music, and is only one more evidence of the spiritual life of the parish. The Alliance, the Liberal Union, and all the other church activities are going forward satisfactorily. Dr. Norman has started a fund for the building of a new church.

The Secretary returns from this annual trip with renewed confidence in our missions in the Northwest. The churches may well feel that all the money they have sent there has been well spent and in future years will be returned a hundredfold.

Department of Religious Education

Our church schools have borne a worthy part in the Unitarian Campaign. It appears that in the schools reporting to our office the contributions have averaged more than fifty cents per member. When it is borne in mind that these schools are also contributing to the Near East Relief and other philanthropies, and when it is further remembered that the

average age of members of these schools is very low, this contribution makes an excellent showing. By far the most important feature of this response to the call of the Campaign Committee is, however, that in this way the attention of even the youngest children has been called to a church-wide movement, and that they have had a share in it. The development of the sense of responsibility for the support of churches and all beneficent movements is an important part of religious education.

There has been unusual activity during the autumn months in the Mid-Western field. Mr. Orr, the member of this department stationed at Chicago, attended the session of the Iowa Conference at Omaha and held personal conferences with workers from several of the churches. One half-day of the Conference was devoted to the church school. Miss Louise Henderson arranged a demonstration of drama and story-telling as teaching methods. The Conference created a Department of Religious Education which has recently issued a pamphlet entitled "Suggestions for Church School Work," prepared by Miss Henderson. It presents what is done in various schools as suggestions for other workers.

Mr. Orr spoke at the Illinois State Conference and had immediate requests for assistance in reorganizing some of the weaker schools of the State. He has given addresses and held conferences with workers in our schools at Cincinnati, and in both the First and Northside churches at Pittsburgh. At All Souls Church, Chicago (Lincoln Centre), there is an energetic superintendent who secured Mr. Orr's services for an evening address. As a result the workers voted unanimously to introduce the Beacon Course into the church school. At Evanston, where Mr. Orr is minister, the attendance has greatly increased and all the work shows signs of new life.

A meeting of superintendents of church schools in and around Boston was held at 16 Beacon Street on Friday afternoon, December 3. For an hour and a quarter the service of worship was considered. Each of the twenty-six present described his own method of procedure, and there were questions and comments. Especial attention was given to ways of cultivating the spirit of reverence. Adjournment was made to the social rooms of Bulfinch Place Church, where the group had supper together. So much interest in the work was shown that a motion to hold these conferences regularly on the fourth Thursday of the month was carried unanimously. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 27, at five o'clock, in the main office of the Department. To these conferences all superintendents or associate superintendents of our schools and all who are in training to be superintendents are invited.

The Department has now two trained workers who are giving part-time service to the betterment of our schools: Miss Mary Nightingale Phillips, of Sharon, a graduate of Tuckerman School; and Mrs. Lucia Gibbon Smith of Charleston, S.C. The Alliance helps to finance these workers, and they are sent to our churches under direction of its Committee on Sunday Schools, Mrs. Clara B. Beatley, chairman. Miss Phillips has given two months' service this year at Canton, Mass., where the school was more completely graded and an energetic young superintendent secured, and one month at Sharon, Mass., where a new school has been organized and a superintendent secured. From the middle of January she has appointments in Maryland, Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky, to occupy three months or more. Mrs. Smith will visit and help church schools in Georgia and Florida during the same period. Mrs. Smith received special preparation at the Training School for Leaders held at the University of Chicago last summer, and at the Institute for Religious Education at Chautauqua.

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

Headquarters: Room 10, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Miss Lucy Lowell, *President* — Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton, *Recording Secretary*
Mrs. Lucia Clapp Noyes, *Treasurer* — Mrs. Robert H. Davis, *Corresponding Secretary*

International Union

From Holland

Dear Sisters:

You want a message, and I have only one to give you, which is a message of the past.

I feel that the five years of war were the greatest years of my life. I gave myself to the correspondence work heart and soul,—all my leisure time, my vacation, and my rest. All women and children far away were brothers and sisters to me,—their sorrow my sorrow, their joy my joy. When I could trace through correspondence lost relatives and friends it was the happiest, and sometimes the unhappiest, time of my life. What could I have done, however, without the help of our International Union, which is like a cobweb over the globe?

I have a great admiration for our sisters in the belligerent countries. They, like the Good Samaritan, were always ready to give time and power to poor people in distress. In the first rank I place Miss Brooke Herford and Fräulein Barth.

The future of the world, now so full of chaos, is for the idealists, a splendid task for our women. True religion will find a way. God has his own ways and time. May we have a durable peace through righteousness and an eternal peace through brotherhood.

T. A. Van Eck.

The Free Christian Women of Germany and the Church

A mighty wave of religious feeling brought on by the storms of the revolution and the general breakdown has swept over Germany. The uncertainty of all material conditions, the great economic sacrifices imposed on every one, not to speak of the terrific wounds caused by death and sickness in every family, awakened in many the desire for a higher life, for peace, and a closer walk with God.

But this newly awakened religious spirit is not satisfied with empty forms: the dead and narrow dogmas of the official Church do not satisfy these God-seekers. The Church is standing aside. Neither the political danger of separation from the state nor the enmity of the Social Democrats is so dangerous for her as the indifference of many otherwise religiously inclined persons. The spirit of religion is alive, but the feeling of adherence to a church is gone.

A heavy duty, therefore, lies on us church-loving but free Christian women, on us who are not opposed to any new form of religious life, but who are still adhering to the Church of the Reformation. We women have to be the mediators, but as the messengers of such a revival we have to be full of the spirit of a true Christian life. If we succeed in reforming our congregations in such a way that God-seeking souls find the home they seek and long for in our midst, we have gained an important point.

For this, *three things* are of importance. What our churches lack most is the *practical living thought of unity*. Our church members are mostly strangers to each other. None knows the sorrows and the sufferings of the other. We have lost the primitive Christian thought that all are one in the love of Christ and are the members of one body. It is especially the duty of us women to awaken this feeling—of our being part of a whole, a unity, so that each bear the other's burden. It needs a warm heart to melt this ice, but nevertheless we have already met with some success. We in Frankfurt, for

instance, try from within the Church to influence the newly founded "Unions of Women" in the different congregations. We do the same in our small Club for Christian Education and try especially in the hours of friendly intercourse to nourish these principles. All our social troubles have their root in the misunderstanding of *class differences*. Let our churches be the place where only the human being and his soul are considered. If this spirit of brotherhood prevails, then we can hope to win back our social opponents who so far see in the Church only a stiff bureaucratic organization.

There is a *second point:* The Church must keep herself politically neutral. What we look for is willingness to sacrifice, courage, and energy. Our people are still sadly agitated by the storm and stress of political fights. We women have to make the churches the quiet haven where those opposing each other may find a higher and restful atmosphere.

Equal difficulties await us in our relations to the churches of other nations. The war with its terror has created in many another point of view. There is still a mood of hatred and unreconciliation among the Christians of the enemy countries, a fact only possible because there never was a pure union, because the feeling of belonging together of Protestant churches has never been alive.

Here also we women have to step in. We are to be the pioneers. With Paul we say, "There is neither Jew nor Gentile; we are all one in Christ." We know that the cruelties of the war committed by the nations against each other were inimical to Christ. Let us bury the past now, with its shortcomings and sins. Let us take hold of the true, divine Will of Love, in which all we long for is united above sin and human passions.

"The International Union of Liberal Christian Women," of which our "Verein für religiöse Erziehung" is a part, has already during the war taken up this work, and we heard with pleasure of the echo our endeavors found in the circles of The Alliance. May this spirit prevail! We are not solitary workers. No. 30 of the *Christian World* published an appeal to start a "Union of Humanity." We rejoice in the great love-work of the Quakers. Everywhere the seeds sprout and expand in the longing to overcome the terrible enmity of the nations.

Now we come to the *third point,* the most important. Of the religiously inclined, there are many who object to the narrowness of the dogmas of the Orthodox Church, but who at the same time reproach us Liberals for the lukewarmness of our religious life. They are in the right sometimes! We are sadly handicapped by the consequences of our first attempts in liberalism, which in its scientific zeal to investigate the Biblical problems fell into a cult of hero-worship of the "man Jesus" and lost all vestiges of a religious life. There are too many in our midst, brought in by the negation of dogmas, who are poor in religious values and are unable to strengthen our inner life. Too much criticism, too much cool reasoning keep us from finding and living in God. This dead and bare intellectualism must be subdued. We have to feel God in our souls as a reality.

We free Christian German women are only a small number, poorly organized, scattered, and poor. Our religious periodicals can only be issued in limited form. We are hardly able to hold meetings. We are overworked, and most of us are pressed down by the duties of every-day life. We believe and trust in the saying of the Apostle that the strength of God is mighty in the weak. Thus we hope that our inner life may grow in spite of all opposition and the sorrows of the present time!

To our friends in America we send greetings, and we beg them to help us in our work in the same spirit.

CAROLA BARTH.

Executive Board

The regular meeting was held in the Fifield Memorial Room, December 10, Miss Lowell presiding. Thirty-two were present.

The devotional service which the President holds before offering her report is deeply appreciated. Miss Lowell spoke of the many evidences of the good already achieved by the Unitarian Campaign and showed that every member of every branch must feel her personal responsibility for the carrying forward of the great spiritual undertaking for which the Campaign stands. The President reported that she had officially signed a letter to the churches in behalf of the suffering children of Europe. She has attended neighborhood meetings at Dover and Brookline, Mass.

Mrs. Davis reported by letter, having attended interesting meetings in Schenectady, Barneveld, and Syracuse, N.Y.

The Treasurer reported further gifts from Western branches in memory of Mrs. Paul M. Chamberlain. For Madame Loyson's work $241 has been received the past month. Mrs. Noyes read a moving letter from Madame Loyson, written on shipboard, Armistice Day, and expressing deep gratitude to The Alliance for making possible her visit to America.

The following names have been placed *in memoriam:* Miss Mabel Mason by the Alliance of Brookline Second Church; Mrs. A. K. Tolman, Mrs. George Hutchinson, Mrs. David W. Wells, and Mrs. George W. Newhall by West Newton; Miss Annie Russell Wall by New Bedford; Mrs. Henry S. Grew by Arlington Street, Boston.

On the recommendation of the Library committee a letter of thanks was voted to the Post Office Mission of the Second Church, Boston, for the gift of two Bibles, King James and American Revised; and to the Fitchburg branch for a gift of money for a book.

A letter of greeting and heartiest good wishes was voted to Miss Bancroft.

The Appeals committee called attention to the Appeal for Nashville, Tenn., recommended to the branches last April, a strategic point, where a new church home has just been dedicated with a congregation present of 120. The report says, "We now have a fit place in which to work, and our people are eager and are planning and doing as never before." And in the face of very heavy bills for this new church home they have subscribed $650 to the Unitarian Campaign! The Appeals committee reminds the Greater Boston branches that the Board endorsed and commended to them the neighborhood work among Italians at Bulfinch Place Church. Money should be sent to Mrs. Arthur G. Robbins, Treasurer Social Service Council, Oak Street, Belmont, Mass.

The Sunday School committee suggests that an Alliance branch have a committee on Religion in the Home to bring parents into closer connection with Sunday school. One meeting each year may well be devoted to the interests of the home, and the branches will do well to employ a kindergartner to look after young children during the meeting in order that their mothers may attend. The committee announces that Mrs. Algernon Smith of Charleston, S.C., will give a few weeks of service to schools in the South which ask for a worker.

The Fellowship committee is in correspondence with branches in sixteen States and has thirteen Fellowship members enrolled.

The Friendly Links committee reports rapid progress, with twenty-five links already made, and letters coming thick and fast.

Mrs. George T. Rice of Westwood was elected Massachusetts director to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. James A. Bailey.

Miss Hilda Hargrove of the British League spoke briefly of her impres-

sions as she sees more of Alliance work; she was asked to convey our greetings to her fellow-members. A letter from Miss Grace Mitchell and one from Mrs. J. H. Lewis, now in London, showed how we are strengthening the ties that bind the League and The Alliance together.

Excellent, suggestive, encouraging reports were received from the South and from six Massachusetts groups.

The next meeting, when Middle States and Canada will report, will be held in Schenectady, N.Y., January 14, 1921.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

Junior Fellowship Committee

Eastport, Me. We are very glad to report a new Junior Alliance here, with officers as follows: *President,* Mrs. John Baltzly; *Secretary,* Miss Alice Hume, Shackford Street; *Treasurer,* Miss Margaret Swett.

They are certainly beginning well, for they ordered a dozen copies of the Opening Service before they had even organized!

The following is the first message for our Juniors from Mrs. Perkins, a member of this committee, who represents the Pacific Coast:

Dear Friends of the Junior Fellowship:

May I suggest one line of activity that appeals to me for practical work, that might be undertaken by our young people? How often we see our churches ill kept and showing a pitiable lack of orderliness, cleanliness, and charm, both within and without, by reason of there being no personal, painstaking care of the church property. How better can we show our love and thought for our church than by doing all in our power to beautify and adorn our dear places of worship?

If our churches are fortunate in possessing churchyards, or even limited open spaces about the building, let us make them as beautiful and attractive as loving care can insure. The planting of trees and shrubs adds grace and charm to any building; and in many instances hardy plants might be added, which would yield flowers, with which to decorate the interior of the church. Let the young girls arrange for a "Planting Day" where such a plan is practicable, and after careful thought and consideration, plant such trees and shrubs about the church as will increase in beauty with succeeding years. Certain trees and flowers are preeminently associated with churchyards, through the many beautiful examples of planting in the cathedrals and parish churches of England. I never think of Wells Cathedral without the remembrance of its exquisite gardens, surrounded by spreading trees and beautifully kept turf and hedges; the waving lines of multicolored Shirley poppies, and stately rows of ethereal Madonna lilies.

We must relieve the atmosphere of austerity and barrenness that too often characterizes our church exteriors; and by giving a note of warmth and beauty and color with the addition of a little greenery, increase immeasurably the appeal and attractiveness of our places of worship. In downtown city churches with restricted space and no available land to beautify, we might well supplement the usual care provided by the sexton to see that the church itself is kept scrupulously clean and in order. There should be no dusty hymn or service books, or careless arrangement of Sunday-school libraries, too often, alas, to be found in the best regulated of our churches. Such vigilant care as our own homes demand should not be begrudged our churches. And how better can some of us do our part in maintaining worthy places of worship than by assisting in the care of the buildings themselves in the simple task that loving hands may bring to such labor!

If any readers of this brief greeting to the Juniors should care to see some photographs of an "experiment" in churchyard planting that has been

tried in the Pacific Northwest at the Seattle University Unitarian Church, I will gladly send pictures to any one who may care to ask for them. Perhaps some of the New England girls will be interested to know that in this little churchyard, where until six years ago stood huge monarchs of the forest primeval, there is now a New England elm-tree growing, tall and vigorous, though far from its native haunt in the Connecticut Valley of New Hampshire. This tree came to far-away Puget Sound as a tiny seedling, and was lovingly planted by and named in honor of one of the little girls in the Sunday school. An English laurel hedge, five feet high, surrounds our churchyard, money for which was raised by the Junior Alliance.

In conclusion, let us recall those lines of the poet Longfellow:

> Make the house, where gods may dwell,
> Beautiful, entire, and clean."

EDITH BURNSIDE PERKINS.

Will branch officers note the following changes or additions: **Maine,** Houlton, *Sec.*, Mrs. T. V. Doherty, Charles St.; **New Hampshire,** Franklin, *Pres.*, Mrs. W. F. Duffy, 39 Beech St.; **Massachusetts,** Boston, First Church, *Cor. Sec.*, Miss Ellen M. Dennie, 371 Harvard St., Cambridge; West Bridgewater, *Sec.*, Mrs. Eben T. Wood; Framingham Centre, *Pres.*, Mrs. Walter I. Brigham, Dennison Ave., Framingham, *Rec. Sec.*, Miss Elizabeth Patch; Lowell, *Act. Pres.*, Miss Julia W. Stevens, 1 Park St.; Medford, *Treas.*, Mrs. Edward W. Hayes, 43 Forest St.; Salem, First Church, *Treas.*, Miss Lizzie B. Whipple, 1 Forrester St.; **Kentucky,** Louisville, *Pres.*, Miss Lilla N. Breed, 29 Lincoln Apartments, *Treas.*, Mrs. G. K. Bodenschatz, St. Charles Pl.; **Louisiana,** New Orleans, *Rec. Sec.*, Mrs. Gertrude Sparkman, 3922 Perrier St.; **California,** Oakland, *Pres.*, Mrs. Sherwood Grover, 558 24th St.; **New York League,** *Pres.*, Mrs. Edgar S. Wiers, 161 Lloyd Road, Montclair, N.J.; **Mississippi Valley Associate Alliance,** *Sec.*, Mrs. Walter G. Clark, 414 Gray Ave., Webster Groves, Mo.

Northern California Associate Alliance

The fall meeting was held in Oakland, October 23. After luncheon an informal conference brought reports and suggestions from the several branches represented. The afternoon session opened with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. C. S. S. Dutton of San Francisco. Rev. Clarence Reed announced the death that day of Rev. W. D. Simonds of Spokane and a telegram of condolence was voted to Mrs. Simonds. Mr. Reed spoke also in memory of Rev. O. P. Shrout of San José. Greetings from Miss Lowell and from the Executive Board were presented by the director, Mrs. S. N. Wyckoff. Miss Harriet R. Spalding of Los Angeles, director for Southern California, spoke of the Pilgrim Tercentenary celebrations and International Week in Boston. Miss Spalding appealed for co-operation with the several departments of Alliance work, showing the need of united effort. Mrs. H. E. B. Speight spoke of the interests of the Young People's Religious Union and their new field worker, Mrs. Thompson, and asked for the names of Unitarian students who come to Berkeley. Mrs. Duschak appealed for the Unitarian Campaign. It was *voted* to purchase one set of the Beacon Series for Sunday Schools and to take orders for others; to send $10 to San Francisco Headquarters; to renew five subscriptions to the *Pacific Unitarian;* to accept an invitation to hold the next meeting in Palo Alto in April.

Roll call: Alameda 9, Berkeley 17, Oakland 23, Palo Alto 6, Sacramento 2, San Francisco 16, San José 4, Santa Cruz 2, Stockton 2, Woodland 1.

New York League

The second meeting of the season of the New York League of Unitarian Women was held at the Second Church,

Brooklyn, Friday, December 3. The newly elected President, Mrs. Edgar S. Wiers, presided, and urged all members to work with her, and to bring other Alliance members to the meetings.

Rev. William L. Sullivan made an appeal for the collection for the work of Mme. Paul Hyacinthe Loyson in devastated France. The subject of the day, "Fellowship with our Neighbors at Home," was presented by Dr. John Herman Randall of the Community Church. The address was most instructive in statistics of our foreign neighbors and in helpful suggestions for fellowship. Rev. Charles H. Lyttle gave words of welcome and led the members in reciting the Lord's Prayer. The meeting was followed by the usual social hour.

A Silver Sunday

On October 10 the old First Parish in Dorchester, Boston, which dates from 1630, held an extremely interesting service in honor of the donors of the ancient pieces of church plate, in which the society is very rich. The service was a Memorial Communion, in which a large audience took part, conducted by the minister, Rev. H. F. Burns, and Rev. C. R. Eliot, a former pastor of the church. The display numbered nearly a hundred pieces of silver and pewter, the oldest dating from 1672. The silver is kept in the Boston Art Museum, but was assembled for this occasion. The display was arranged on three communion tables of great historic interest, those of 1744, 1815, and 1896, the present table. Directly below the beautiful pulpit, itself a gift from the old West Church in Boston, the pieces were shown on a background of magnificent old-rose brocade. Deacons from the Second and Third Churches in Dorchester assisted at the Communion, bringing with them their own fine pieces which were gifts fifty years ago from the First Church. Included in the collection were a Mayflower Spoon, the Roger Clap spoon of 1630, and a loaf of the communion bread brought over in the settlers' ship, the Mary and John, in 1630. There were beautiful old pewter lamps from the minister's room and other fine furnishings. Among the modern silver of the church were five pieces of presentation plate given to the late Mrs. Emily A. Fifield, which are preserved in the Fifield Memorial. The historical address was given by the church historian, Mrs. Mary Fifield King.

The First Congregational Society of Eastport, Me., takes this opportunity of expressing its cordial thanks through its Treasurer, Anna L. Newcomb, for the helpful spirit shown by those who sent contributions to the sale in November.

The New England Associate Alliance will meet at the Second Church in Boston, Rev. Eugene Rodman Shippen, minister, on Thursday, January 20, 1921.

At the morning session Mrs. Charles W. Gerould of Cambridge will speak on "The Post Office Mission—World-wide in Service." Rev. Sydney B. Snow of the Church of the Messiah, Montreal, will speak on "Our Mission to Transylvania." Mrs. George H. Root of Winchester will give a report of our work in Montpelier, followed by a collection for this work, and the usual roll-call.

At the afternoon session Rev. William L. Sullivan, D.D., of All Souls Church, New York City, will be the principal speaker.

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A GOOD IDEA—TO BE CARRIED FURTHER

In January of last year many of our churches in the United States and Canada observed Young People's Sunday. An early and typical account came from Windsor, Vt. "I wish to report," writes Rev. Mr. Daniels, "the great success of Young People's Sunday. The morning service was wholly in their hands: one of the young men filled the pulpit; the choir was made up of young people; the ushers also were the younger members; and the people turned out in numbers. Really it was great! In connection with my League Chapter it is bringing about a real revival. It was a very wise move on your part to make possible such a day. We intend to make Young People's Sunday a yearly matter."

Likewise in the First Unitarian Church of Sioux City, Ia., the young people took entire charge. The sermon, given by Miss Clarissa H. Hoskins, was a stirring appeal to and for the young people,—later printed by the church as an attractive pamphlet,—reminding them of the glory of the liberal faith, their opportunities in church and community, and closing with these words:

> "'Then forward, right forward,
> We hear the high call;
> We'll do what we can,
> Trusting God over all.'

"That, I believe, is the spirit of our young people, and with the help of the older folks we will keep striving until we reach the goal."

This month it is to be YOUNG PEOPLE'S WEEK. Let it be started in all our churches with Young People's Sunday on the twenty-third of January, for the keeping of which there may be a variety of methods but one idea: to demonstrate that the young people are capable of appreciating and of taking the most prominent part in the regular Sunday service of worship.

In Greater Boston and vicinity the young people are going to give a play in four towns on successive nights; and the week will end with a dance at Unity House. The play, "Paddy Makes Things Hum," is to take the place of the Bazaar given in past years for the Y. P. R. U. treasury.

HOUGHTON PAGE,
President.

Are You Co-operating in the Plans for Young People's Week and Reserving These Dates?

January 23.	Young People's Sunday in all our Unitarian churches. Mrs. C. H. Valentine is chairman of this committee.
January 25.	Production of the play at Meeting House Hill parish house, Dorchester.
January 26.	Production of the play at the Second Church parish house, Brookline.
January 27.	Production of the play at the First Parish, Watertown.
January 28.	Production of the play probably at Quincy, Mass.
January 29.	Dance at Unity House, Boston.

The chairman of the Play Committee is Rev. Frank O. Holmes, and the general manager is Mr. Malcolm Merrick. Miss Katharine Glidden is the chairman of the Committee on Candy. Rev. Ben Franklin Allen is the publicity chairman.

The interest of the life members is being solicited for a Life Members' Program, Mrs. Lewis A. Elliott, chairman.

Our National Secretary, Miss Adeline B. Pfleghaar, has returned from the Middle West to take charge of all plans and is now at 25 Beacon Street, ready to answer all inquiries.

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